IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

JUAN CARLOS EMDEN, MICHEL	§
EMDEN, AND NICOLÁS EMDEN,	§
	§ CIVIL ACTION NO. 4:21-CV-03348
Plaintiffs,	§
	§
v.	§
	§
THE MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS,	§
HOUSTON,	§
	§
Defendant.	§
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Declaration in Support of The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston's

Reply in Support of Its Motion to Dismiss

I, Aaron M. Brian, hereby declare and affirm as follows:

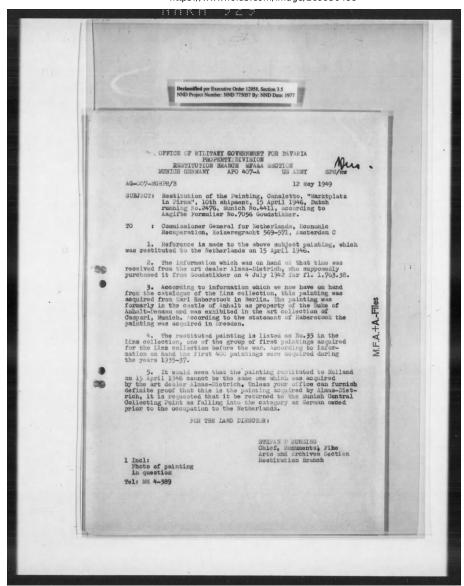
- 1. I am Counsel at Nixon Peabody LLP, counsel of record for the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston ("the Museum"). I make this declaration in support of the Museum's Reply in Support of Its Motion to Dismiss pursuant to Rule 12(b)(6) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. I am familiar with the records and files, including but not limited to those identified in paragraphs 2-3 below. I have personal knowledge of the matters stated below that I know to be true and correct, and I am authorized and competent to make this declaration.
- 2. Attached as Exhibit 9 is a copy of the May 12, 1949 letter signed by Stefan P. Munsing, Chief, Monuments, Fine Arts and Archives Section Restitution Branch. My office obtained a copy of this document from the Fold3 website, which provides access to records stored at the U.S. National Archives. Page 2 of Exhibit 9 identifies the archival source and information for this letter.
- 3. Attached as Exhibit 10 is a true and correct copy of the archive file that was provided to my office by the Inlichtingen Nationaal Archief (Dutch Information National Archives) on December 10, 2021. The separate pages are copied here in the same order in which they were produced by Dutch National Archives. Each image from the file is stamped on the back with a round seal "NATIONAAL ARCHIEF s'-GREVENHAGE." The back of the first and last images from the file also include a stamp that is dated and signed, contains the archive file number, and is marked as "Kopie van origineel" (copy of original).

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 9th day of February, 2021, in Los Angeles, California.

Aaron M. Brian

EXHIBIT 9





SOURCE INFORMATION

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EXHIBIT 10

L. Moser 31 Mei AV/WB Ann het Mederlands Behversinstituut Neuhuyskade 94 's-Gravenhage. T.a.v. de Heer Mr. D.G. Wesselink. Hierbij doe ik U toekomen afschrift van een door de Vice-Consul van de Ver. Staten van merika in meterdem gelegaliseerd schrijven van de Heer Hugo Moser, waarin hij om teruggave verzoekt van een door de Stichting Nederlande Kunstbezit wit Duitsland teruggevoord schilderij van Belotto, Voorstellende "Parktplein te Pirna". Op grond ven deze verklaring en op grond van inlichtingen, die ik over deze sangelegenheid heb ingewonnen, zie ik persoonlijk geen bezwaar tegen efgifte van genoemd stuk. Gaarne zie ik Uw mehtiging hiervoor tegemoet. De Directeur der STICKTING WEDERLANDS KUNSTE ZIT Dr. A.B. de Vries. Billage: 1 afachrift.



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Handtekening ambtenaar
(R. Janssen)
Datum 10 december 2021
Handtekening ambtenaar (R. Janssen)

Mr. Edward C. Wilkinson, merican Embasey, 7, Benoordenhoutscheweg,

The Hague

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter from September 23rd in the matter of Mr. Mosen's request about a printing lost during the German occupation, I can tell you that indeed a painting by Bernardo Bellotto depicting the market square at Pirne haspheen found in Munich, and has been brought to Molland.

According our files this painting was sold by the firm Goudstikker during the war to the Almos Dietrich Gellery at Sunich.

I worte to Goudatlaker asking them to find out from whom this firm got the painting. It is possible that the German took the painting from Mr. Fechner, and that it was sold to Goudatikker. As soon as I get an enswer, I will let you know.

as private information I want to tell you that we have to be very careful with this gentle an, and if it really appears that this painting is Tr. Moser's, we insist that Tr. Moser has to produce the sost detailed information.

Very truly Yours,

The Acting Director of the STICHTING NEDERLANDSCH KUNTTE ZIT

(Dr. R.F. P. de Beaufort)





THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE . UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

GEZIEN.

American Embassy
The Hague, December 2, 1947

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Stichting Wederlandsche Kunstbezit, Keizersgracht 105, Amsterdam.

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to your letter dated September 27, 1947 and the conversation by telephone between an officer of your agency and a member of the ambassy staff, in connection with a certain painting by Bellotto, claimed by Mr. Hugo L. Moser of 120 Central Park South, New York.

The Embassy thanks you most sincerely for the information you very kindly furnished it. Mr. Moser has meanwhile been informed of the facts of the case. Should any further information regarding this matter be received, the Embassy will not fail to keep you posted.

Very truly yours,

Edward C. Wilkinson Commercial Attache



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Dr. A. B. de Vries Stichting Nederlands Kunstbezit Keizersgracht 105 - Amsterdam

This is to certify that I am giving Mr. Henry L. MASON, 193 Kon. Wilhelminalaan, Voorburg, Z.H., power of attorney to act in my behalf in any matter which concerns the recovery of my lost property in the Netherlands, especially also in the case of the Belotto painting "Market square of Pirna" which I am reclaiming from your institute.

After the completion of the formalities of recovery the Belotto should be handed over to "r. Mason, who will take care of its transfer to me.

Hugo L. Moser

120 Central Park South

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New York , NY

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HET NEDERLANDSE BEHEERSINSTITUUT

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Beheer

Onderwerp: restitutie Hugo L. Moser,

Bijlagen: New York

Uw ref .:

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Bij beantwoording het omlijnde nauwkeurig overnemen.

Aan de Stichting Wederlandsch Kunstbezit,

E WIN TOWN Keizersgracht 105,

Wij hebben voor de goede orde bij de beheerders der D.R.T. geinformeerd of de Heer Moser mogelijk bij die instelling is gecrediteerd, en komen na ontvangen antwoord op de zaak terug.

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MEDERIL NDSE Voor dese:-De Directie van het BEFFERSIMSTITUU

Mr.E.G. Wesselink



10 September 48 1154/8/10 Op 31 Mei j.l. heb ik U om advies verzocht, inzake het schilderij van Belotto, voorstellende "Marktplein van Pirna". Aangezien ik hierop tot op heden geen antwoord mocht ontvangen, sij het mij vergund hierop nogmaals Uw aandacht te vestigen. De Wnd. Directeur der STICHTING MEDERLANDS KUNSTBEZIT Kol. Ir. L.F. Otto. Het Nederlandse Beheersinstituut Neuhuyakade 59 "s-GRAVENHAGE. t.a.v. Mej.Mr.M.L.van Dijk



25 July 1948 Stichting Nederlands Kunstbezit Keizersgracht 105- Amsterdam As the representative of Mr. Hugo Moser in the recovery of his Belotto painting "Market Square of Pirna" , I would like to enquire how soon Mr. Moser can count on receiving the At the time of Mr. Moser's interview with the director of the Stichting Nederlands Kunstbezit in May 1948, he was told that about 6 weeks would be required to fulfill the necessary formalities. Mr. Moser is returning to the United States in September, and would like to take the painting with him at

On 21 May 1948, two statements, certified by the United States Consulate General at Amsterdam, were forwarded to the director, Stichting Nederlands Kunstbezit; one contained a detailed exposition of Mr. Moser's claim on the Belotto; the second gave me power to act as Mr. Moser's representative in this matter.

Especially in view or recent developments I would appreciate to get some information on the progress in this matter.

Very truly yours

theny L. Wasan Henry L. MASON 193 Kon. Wilhelminalaan Voorburg (Z.H.)

Dear Sir.

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U zult mij zeer verplichten met Uw antwoord op mijn bovenaangehaald schrijven.

> De Wnd.Directeur der STICHTING NEDEKLANDS KUNSTBEZIT

> > Kol. Ir.L.F. otto

Het Nederlandse Beheersinstituut Neuhuyskade 94 's-GRAV-ENHAGE-

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15 September 48 1175/8/9G With reference to your letter of the 25th of July I'am sorry to inform you that this matter had not yet been arranged. Owing to some difficulties which have arisen at our office I'ammy. not able to take the matter up earlier. As soon as possible I will communicate with you again. The acting Director of the STICHTING NEDERLANDS KUNSTBEZIT Colonel Ir.L.F.Otto. Mr.Henry L.Mason 193 Kon. Wilhelminalaan Voorburg (Z.H.)



Volgens de Heer Baning gereed tot afwildeling. Staat de eigen-dom voldoende vast. Hoe komen wij tot taxatie van de tegenwoordije waarde? Er is geen tegenprestatie, zie brief Ved. Feh. Instituut.



Hugo Moser.

schilderij door Bernard Belotto, Marketsquare at Pirna, getaxeerd op f.8000.-- å f.9000.--(volgens de Heer D.F.Lunsingh Schuerleer.)

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Part C. TOTAL INDEBTEDNESS TO FOREIGN PERSONS SECURED BY PROPERTY REPORTED IN PART B (Instruction 5).

As of May 31, 1943
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(mount of Book, market, or estimated value Face amount of indebtedness of security (In United States dollars) 10 1. Classes A through II .. 90 2. Class J Part D. DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY LISTED IN PART B, EXCEPT CLASS A (Instruction 6). Property held as of May 31, 1943
Cost or face Book, market, or value, estimated value, as as required required (In United States dollars)
(c) (d) Description of each property item, including number of units, date acquired (if subsequent to January 1, 1985), and location (a) (6) 18 One painting by Belette "Merket Place of Pirus" at Max Fechner, Keizersgracht 518, Assterda , Mclland appr. 1,750. .. Cost (1928) appr. N.H. 5.500.-1.375 ---(Additional items should be listed on the continuation sheet issued for the purpose) Part E. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING PROPERTY ITEMS (Instruction 7). 1. State the name, address, and citizenship of each person, other than the person named in Part A, having any interest whatsoever, in any item of property listed in Part D (except property in Class I), including any indebtedness secured by the property. Describe each such interest. 2. If any property listed in Part D is believed to have been damaged, destroyed, or seized between January I, 1933, and May 31, 1943, as a result of war or a "scorched-earth" policy carried on by any country, or of any confiscatory action or duress by a country which on May 31, 1943, was at war with the United States or was occupied by a country at war with the United States, describe the circumstances fully.

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Report Number 2

FORM TFR-500: CENSUS OF PROPERTY IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES

SERIES B: DETAILED PROPERTY REPORT

Submit a separate report with respect to each foreign jurisdiction in which any property was located. (Instruction I)

In preparing this report examine carefully the instructions in Public Circular No. 22 (or, when

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Class A. Interests in Allied Foreign Organizations (from Series C): Individuals whose property in all foreign jurisdictions had a total value less than \$50,000 may completely disregard property types I and 2 (Instruction 4C in abridged circular).	(In Onica	States donars)	
1. Corporations, associations, and similar organizations			11
2. Branches		:	12
3. Partnerships.			13
Class B. Bullion, Currency, and Deposits:			21
4. Bullion			22
5. Currency and coin not repudiated			23
7. Other deposits			24
Class C. Securities (other than Classes A and J):			
8, Government securities.	*****		31
9. Government guaranteed corporate bonds.			32
10, Corporate bonds, exclusive of type 9.	******************		33
11. Corporate shares			31
12. Warrants, scrip, rights, options, and other securities.			35
Class D. Receivables and Claims (other than Classes A and J):			41
13. Notes	*******		42
14. Accounts and bills receivable	=12001		43
15. Letters of credit	***************************************		14
16. Other claims and demands. Class E. Miscellaneous Personalty:			-
17. Options and futures in commodities			51
18. Goods and merchandise	1,375	1,750	52
19. Machinery and equipment.	******		53
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22. Land and buildings for personal use			61
23. Land and buildings, other than for personal use.			62
24. Mortgages on real property	***********		64
25. Other rights to land			0.5
Class G. Estates and Trusts: 26. Interests in estates and trusts.			71
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29. Patent license agreements	x x x x x	xxxxx	02
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32. Certain contracts. Class J. Property Issued by the United States and Persons Therein:	* * * * *	XXXXX	
33. Currency and coin			91
34. Government issued and guaranteed bonds.		.,	92
35. Corporate bonds			93
36. Corporate stocks			94
37. Negotiable instruments for the payment of money.			95
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De Heer H. Mason Koningin Wilhelminalaan 193 VOORBURG. Mexico

Maar aanleiding van Uw ladste bezoek kan ik U mededelen, dat de tegenwoordige waarde van het schilderij door Belotto wordt getaxeerd op f.8000.-- A f.9.000.--.

Not is mijn bedoeling voor de kostenberekening een waarde op te nemen van f.8500.zodat U voor tarugvoering en verzekering aan de Stichting Nederlands Kunstbezit zoudt moeten betalen 2 % van f. 8500.-- = f.233.75.

ladien U zich det deze taxatie zult kunnen Verenigen, zoudt U zich reeds nu met de Deviezenafdeling van de Nederlandse Bank kunnen verstaan om vergunning te verkrijgen.

Sr.J.Jolles.

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FACTUUR 740

Hugo L.Moser 120 Central Park South New York p/a De Heer H.L.Mason Kon.Wilhelminalaan 193 VOORBURG

Voor bijdrage in de algemene kosten van terugvoering uit Duitsland, benevens beheerskosten van

1 schilderij door Belotto "Marktplein van Firna" getaxeerde waarde fl.5500.--

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6. dat Coor hem aan de Stiehting Mederlande Kunstberit te 'x-Gravenhage betaald is ale bljdrage in de algemene kosten van terugvoering en beheer 25 van de getazeerde waarde ad. f. 8500.... van dit schilderij aldus f.233.75;

9. dat de Heer Buge Moser als sijn redithebbendendoor het in ontvangst nemen van dit schilderij afriet van iedere invordering van de oorspronkelijke opbrengst sê. f.600.--daar op het vermogen van de Heer en Nevrouw Rosen geen unkel verhaal meer mogelijk is:

10. dat hij voor zich en sijn rechtverkrijgen prijs goeft alle sandpraken, die hij jegens de Stichting Mederlands Eustbesit en baar organen, alsmede jegens de Mederlandse Stuat en al diens organen mocht hebben of verkrijgen terzake van Schade aun verzeld schilderij of uit welke andere oorsaak met dit schilderij samenbangende:

Morrier



28 April . , toestel 98 no. 1870/MS/WG postrekening: 99588 AANTEKENEN De Heer H.L. Mason Kon. Wilhelminalaan 193 VOORBURG. Inliggend vindt U een verklaring van ontvangst in viervoud (2 gesegelde en 2 ongezegelde) voor het schilderij door Belotto "Marktplein van Pirna". Indien U zich met de inhoud kunt verenigen, verzoek ik U mij deze exemplaren getekend te willen terugzenden en mij het bedrag ad. f. 233.75 te vergoeden. Zodra de verklaringen van ontvangst in mijn bezit zijn worden deze geregistreerd en ontvangt U ben ex. voor Uw archief terug. Nadat deze formaliteiten vervuld zijn, ontvangt U een volgbriefje, waarop U bovengenoemd schilderij bij het kijksmuseum te Amsterdam kunt doen afhalen. De Directeur van de STICHTING NEDERLANDS KUNSTBEZIT Mr.J.Jolles. Bijlagen: 5



11. dat hij de Stichting Nederlands Kunstbezit en haar organen, alsmede de Nederlandse Staat en al diens organen zal schadeloos stellen voor alle aanspraken die jegens deze terzake van het gemeld schilderij zijn of mochten worden gericht; 12. dat hij terzake van vermeld schilderij geen aanvrage tot vergoeding van oorlogsschade heeft ingediend. Aldus in tweevoud opgemaakt te 's-Gravenhage dd. 28 April 1949 Handtekening van de ontvanger: Henry 2 Illanon



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4. Regu - administratie. 5. Dossier - archief. 6. Rijksmuseum Schilderijen/verwempen. Toestemming tot afgifte van: AND THE CONTRACT OF THE PROPERTY OF STREET Documentatie St.N.K. Inventaris-beheer. Idem (terugzenden aan Stichting) Aan: Stichting Nederlands Kunstbezit on the transmission 193 Nw.registratie Mr.J.Jolles (D.F.Lunsingh-. Afgeg.door: Dat. Handt, 194 Scheurleer) Ontv.dcor: Handt. O)81.777. GG 34 taris no. Oud Inven-.



OFFICE OF MILITARY GOVERNMENT FOR BAVARIA PROPERTY DIVISION
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lever KINODOM OF THE NETHERLANDS CITY OF AMSTERDAM SS The Hague, 21 May 1948 CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMPRICA Dr. A.B. de Vries Stichting Nederlands Kunstbezit Keizersgracht 105 - Amsterdam. I, Hugo L. Moser, of Apt 6 D, 120 Central Park South, New York, NY, certify herewith: 1. that I am a citizen of the United States of America, bearer of US passport No 6/643 2. that I am the legal owner of the Belotto painting " Market square of Pirna" which I purchased in 1928: 3. that I left the Netherlands on 2 February 1940; that the occupation of the Netherlands made my return to Holland impossible: 4. that I left the Belotto in Dec. '39 or Jan. '40 with Mr. Fechner art restorer, of Amsterdam, in order to have it restored and cleaned; that this Mr. Fechner, a person of Jewish origin, has died during the occupation, according to information received by me from reliable source; that I have not the slightest idea what happened to the painting after 10 May 1940, and that the first news about the painting was given to me by the Stichting Nederlands Kunstbezit, through the US Embassy, in 1947; 5. that I never gave Mr. Fechner, nor any other person, permission to sell the painting; that I never received any financial recompensation for the "sale" of the painting, nor any other transaction with it; that Mr. Fechner had no other instructions than to restore and clean the Belotto and then return it to me; 6. that since 1928 I have always been the sole legal owner of the painting; that I have never given it in pawn, or in loan; that no one ever had any claims against the painting since I purchased it. Hugo L. Moser Subscribed and sworn to before me, SLATOR C BLACKSTON, Invice Consul of C/o Mason 193 Kon. Wilhelminalaan the United States of America in Voorburg Z.F. end for the City of Amsterdam, Netherlands, duly commissioned and qualified, this day of // Day 1947, A. D. PRINCIPAL ENGRAL OF THE (BITED STATES SLATOR C. BLACKISTON, In

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Aantekenen.

de Heer H/L. Mason. Kon.Wilhelminalaan 193 te Voorburg.

Ingesloten gelieve U aan te treffen geregistreerde ontvangstverklaring voor de Heer Hugo.L. Moser inzake de ontvangst van het schilderij " Marktplein van Pirna " door Belotto.

STICHTING NEDERLANDS KUNSTBEZIT.

O. Bakkelo. administrateur.



Bn/Hm.

Mr.Stefan F.Munsing, Chief M.F.A. & A., Arcisstrasse 10, MUNCHAN.

In reply to your letter of May 12th 1949, with enclosed photography, we may inform you, that the painting mentioned therein has been restituted to Mr.Hugo L.Mosez, 120, Central Park, Bouth New York, being the legal owner of the painting in question. Please find enclosed a photography of the certificate of ownership, which is in our possession.

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We trust that herewith to your satisfaction is proved, that Mr. Hugo L. Mosey is the real owner of the painting.

Yours faithfully,

N. STICHTING NEDERLANDSCH KUNSTBEZIT:

(Mr.J.Jolles), Manager.





THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



American Embassy Bencordenhoutschaves 7 The Lague, September 23, 1947

Hederlandsel kunstbezit,
(Seotia kunstschatten van het Commissarieët
Generasl van de Nederlandsche sconomische
Belangen in Duitschland),
Keizersgracht 105,
Amsterdam.

Went lemen:

The Embassy has received a request from Mr. Muso I. Moser. who states he is a United States citizen, of Apt 60, 120 Central Park South, New York 19, M.V., to assist him in obtaining information about a painting which he claims he owned but which apparently was lost during the German occupation.

In his letter ir. Moser points out that until February 2, 1940 he resided at Meerenweg 115, Meenstede (Metherlands) and that at that date he left the Metherlands for the United States. However, before his departure, in January 1940 he gave the painting for cleaning burposes to one kr. Fechner, art restorer, Meizersgracht, Amsterdam, but as far as he (Mr. Moser) knows, Mr. Fechner, a German refugee, was shot by the Germans during the occupation and the painting has not reappeared since.

The painting in question is stated to be an original by Belotto (Italian, 18th century), depicting the market square of Pirna, Suxony and its approximate present value \$2,500.

The Embassy would appreciate it if you would kindly inform it of any indication of the present location of this picture and the steps which may be necessary for Mr. Moser to take to regain his property.

The Embassy thanks you in advance for your kind attention to this matter.

Nery truly yours,

For the Inbassador:

Edward C. Wilkinson



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